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Middle School

Grades 6-8

Official Released Items

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The *Grades 6-8 Supported Independence English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessment* was administered for the first time in Spring 2007. Beginning with this administration, the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) will annually release a portion of the items that are administered on the assessment. This booklet contains released items from the Fall 2007 administration and is intended to be used by districts to assist in their interpretation of item analysis data. The information contained in this booklet may also be used by schools, teachers, and parents as a resource for understanding the content and format of the assessment items. In addition to MI-Access training materials and Extended Grade Level Content Expectations (EGLCE), the released items may also have utility in informing decisions related to instruction, curriculum, and assessment. These items are **not** secure and may be copied and distributed as needed.

The table below lists the number of core and released items administered on the Fall 2007 *Grades 6-8 Supported Independence English Language Arts and Mathematics Assessment*. Core items are those that count toward students' scores. All released items in this booklet were selected from the pool of core items that appeared on the assessment.

English Language Arts Strand	Number of Core Items	Number of Released Items	Number of Embedded Items
Accessing Information			5 (varies by strand)
Word Study	4	1	
Comprehension	6	1	
Expressing Ideas	5	2	
English Language Arts Item Subtotal	15	4	
English Language Arts Possible Points Subtotal*	60		
Mathematics Strand	Number of Core Items	Number of Released Items	Number of Embedded Items
Numbers and Operations	5	1	5 (varies by strand)
Measurement	4	2	
Geometry	4	0	
Data Analysis	2	1	
Algebra	1	0	
Mathematics Item Subtotal	15	4	
Mathematics Possible Points Subtotal*	60		
Total ELA and Mathematics Items	30	8	10
Total Possible Points	120		

*2 points/item Primary Assessment Administrator + 2 points/item Shadow Assessment Administrator = 4 points possible/item

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Supported Independence General Directions

- Prior to administration, review the assessment items. The Supported Independence assessment uses two item formats: selected-response items and activity items. All items are scored with the Supported Independence Scoring Rubric. Learning how to apply the rubric correctly is very important to the reliability of the assessment. The *2007/2008 MI-Access Coordinator and Assessment Administrator Manual* and the MI-Access Participation and Supported Independence Scoring Rubrics Online Learning Program (www.mi-access.info) both contain examples on how the rubric should be applied.
- Selected-response items are designed to assess the English language arts (ELA) and mathematics Extended Grade Level Content Expectations (EGLCEs) created to link with the Michigan Curriculum Frameworks' Content Standards. Answer choices to the selected-response items are presented in the form of graphics on 8½ x 11 picture cards that students must view and respond to in order to answer the question. The picture cards must be presented twice, and the student must correctly respond twice for each of the selected-response items. Again, the P/SI Online Learning Program and MI-Access manual contain examples of how to present items with two choices.
- The activity items are designed to (1) reflect classroom activities with which students should be familiar, and (2) provide a performance context in which specific Michigan ELA and mathematics EGLCEs can be assessed. Review the item components, which include the actual activity that will be observed and the scoring focus.
- All Supported Independence selected-response items and some of the activity items require graphics. These have been provided as thumbnails in the booklet on the page containing the item and as separate full-page (8½ x 11) picture cards coded to the individual items for which they will be used. Prior to administration, review the items and corresponding picture cards to ensure that you have all of the required picture cards and that the correct graphics are used for the appropriate item.
- Plan for appropriate materials and any individualized communication or technology devices the student may need, such as augmentative communication devices and/or other specialized equipment. Keep in mind that any aids or materials used must be chronologically age appropriate and reflect what the student typically uses during instruction (in other words, do not introduce a new device or material during assessment administration).
- To accurately and reliably apply the scoring rubric and yield valid data, carefully review the "Scoring Rubric Flow Chart" included in the *2007/2008 MI-Access Coordinator and Assessment Administrator Manual*. It explains when to give a student a score point or a condition code.
- If possible, plan observation times when the item/activity may typically occur. While some items will occur naturally in the classroom, others may require more detailed planning in order to observe the specific scoring focus. Prepare to adjust the instructional environment as needed.
- Persons involved in the assessment should follow universal health precautions when needed.
- Determine which **two** people will observe and score the items. A certified professional staff member (such as a teacher, school psychologist, related service provider, or teacher consultant) must act as the Primary Assessment Administrator (PAA). Shadow Assessment Administrators (SAA) can also be certified staff or school personnel (such as highly qualified paraprofessionals). Keep in mind that both PAAs and SAAs must (1) be familiar with the student, and (2) not impede or influence any interaction particular to the item.
- Both the PAA and SAA will need to tear or cut out their respective MI-Access Assessment Administrator Scoring Documents, which are located in the assessment booklet following the assessment items. This is where the PAA and SAA will record the score point or condition code for each selected-response or activity item observed. Using a separate scoring document allows the PAA and SAA to independently score the student's response to each item. Once all of the items have been administered, the score points or condition codes recorded by the PAA and SAA must be transferred to the student's machine scannable student answer document using a number 2 pencil.

Section 1

English Language Arts

STUDENT DIRECTIONS: Do and say whatever is typically done or said to allow the student to engage in each item, UNLESS otherwise directed in the activity.

Item R1

ACTIVITY: The student will recognize at least 3 personal words/pieces of information, such as name, address, or phone number, from a set of 3 related and 3 unrelated choices during small group instructional activities.

SCORING FOCUS: Identifying personally meaningful words

Item R2

ACTIVITY: The student will correctly identify 2 factual elements (when given a selection of 2 factual and 2 fictional elements) from a narrative story during a leisure reading activity.

SCORING FOCUS: Understanding what makes a story fact or fiction

Item R3

ACTIVITY: The student will correctly use 2 common courtesy words and/or phrases, such as “please,” “thank you,” or “you’re welcome,” while working with peers during the completion of a classroom job/vocational task.

SCORING FOCUS: Using language to communicate effectively for different purposes

Item R4

ACTIVITY: The student will write or dictate a sentence to express ideas about a piece of artwork, such as a painting or drawing project, during an instructional writing assignment.

SCORING FOCUS: Writing sentences to express ideas



Do Not Continue.

Section 2

Mathematics

STUDENT DIRECTIONS: Do and say whatever is typically done or said to allow the student to engage in each item, UNLESS otherwise directed in the activity.

Item R1

ACTIVITY: The student will correctly select the appropriate number of 3 ingredients necessary to complete a familiar food preparation activity. For example, the student could be shown bread, cheese slices, and lunch meat and then asked, "Show me how much we need to make 2 sandwiches."

SCORING FOCUS: Selecting appropriate numbers in order to solve problems

Item R2

ACTIVITY: The student will correctly locate 3 significant dates (e.g., birthdays, holidays, vacations, etc.) on a calendar, by indicating the month and day of the event. For example, the student could be directed to, "Find Thanksgiving, your birthday, and the first day of winter break on the calendar."

SCORING FOCUS: Using a calendar to locate significant dates

Item R3

ACTIVITY: The student will correctly identify a preferred, age-appropriate leisure/recreation item costing \$10 or less and plan how to acquire it by making or dictating a list containing at least 3 steps. The plan must involve the student determining whether or not he/she has enough money to purchase the item. For example, the student could be asked, "Tell me something fun you would like to buy. Do you have enough money to buy it?"

SCORING FOCUS: Determining if he/she has enough money for a purchase

Item R4

ACTIVITY: The student will correctly complete a task with 10 objects requiring knowledge of 1:1 correspondence, such as a packaging or collating activity. For example, the student could be shown 10 boxes and 20 packages of cookies and then directed to, "Put one package of cookies in each box."

SCORING FOCUS: Demonstrating knowledge of 1:1 correspondence



Do Not Continue.

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Student Name: _____

MI-Access Primary Assessment Administrator Scoring Document

Directions: *Tear or cut this document out of the assessment booklet.* Circle your scores for the student on this document, then transfer them to the student answer document. Please be careful that your scores from this sheet are transferred to the correct numbered item on the student answer document.

English Language Arts**Item R1**

- 2** Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
- 1** Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- A** Incorrect response
- B** Resists/Refuses
- C** Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions

Item R2

- 2** Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
- 1** Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- A** Incorrect response
- B** Resists/Refuses
- C** Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions

Item R3

- 2** Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
- 1** Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- A** Incorrect response
- B** Resists/Refuses
- C** Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions

Item R4

- 2** Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
- 1** Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- A** Incorrect response
- B** Resists/Refuses
- C** Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions



Student Name: _____

MI-Access Shadow Assessment Administrator Scoring Document

Directions: *Tear or cut this document out of the assessment booklet.* Circle your scores for the student on this document, then transfer them to the student answer document. Please be careful that your scores from this sheet are transferred to the correct numbered item on the student answer document.

Mathematics**Item R1**

- 2** Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
- 1** Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- A** Incorrect response
- B** Resists/Refuses
- C** Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions

Item R2

- 2** Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
- 1** Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- A** Incorrect response
- B** Resists/Refuses
- C** Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions

Item R3

- 2** Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
- 1** Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- A** Incorrect response
- B** Resists/Refuses
- C** Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions

Item R4

- 2** Responds correctly with no assessment administrator assistance
- 1** Responds correctly after assessment administrator provides verbal/physical cues
- A** Incorrect response
- B** Resists/Refuses
- C** Assessment administrator provides hand-over-hand assistance and/or step-by-step directions



Below is a list of the Extended Grade Level Content Expectations (EGLCE) for each released item found in this booklet. The chart contains the EGLCE code and a brief description of what is measured.

Full descriptions of the EGLCE contained in the chart below are available for review and download at **www.mi.gov/mi-access**.

English Language Arts		
Released Item Number	EGLCE Code	ASSESSMENT COMPONENT or Abbreviated Descriptor/Scoring Focus
		Word Study
R1	R.WS.m7.SI.EG03a	Identify personally meaningful words
		Comprehension
R2	R.NT.m7.SI.EG04a	Understanding what makes a story fact or fiction
		Expressing Ideas
R3	S.CN.m7.SI.EG01a	Using language to communicate effectively for different purposes
R4	W.PR.m7.SI.EG04a	Writing sentences to express ideas
Mathematics		
Released Item Number	EGLCE Code	STRAND or Abbreviated Descriptor/Scoring Focus
		Numbers and Operations
R1	N.ME.m6.SI.EG06b	Selecting appropriate numbers in order to solve problems
		Data and Probability
R2	D.RE.m7.SI.EG01d	Using a calendar to locate significant dates
		Measurement
R3	M.UN.m6.SI.EG01g	Determining if he/she has enough money for a purchase
		Geometry
R4	D.RE.m7.SI.EG01g	Demonstrating knowledge of 1:1 correspondence



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